LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.   (canceled)

2.   (currently amended) The method of ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 18 wherein said assigning of a capacity value comprises assigning a value based on the size of the server system.

3.   (currently amended) The method of ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 18 wherein said assigning of a capacity value comprises assigning a value based on the number of CPUs in said server system.

4.   (currently amended) The method of ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 18 wherein said assigning of a capacity value comprises assigning the value based on published standards for each server.

5.   (currently amended) The method of ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 18 further comprising calculating a capacity value from at least one previously-assigned capacity value.

6.   (currently amended) The method of ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 18 wherein said assigning of a usage category is based on the server application to be executed at each of said plurality of servers.

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7-17 (canceled)

18. (currently amended) ~~The method of Claim 9~~ <u>A method for a</u>
<u>computer processor to provide automatic valuation of server-based</u>
<u>computer services for each of a plurality of computer server</u>
<u>systems comprising the steps of:</u>
     <u>assigning a capacity value for each of a plurality of</u>
<u>computer server systems;</u>
     <u>assigning a usage category for each of said plurality of</u>
<u>server systems;</u>
     <u>mapping said capacity value and usage category into a</u>
<u>matrix;</u>
     <u>automatically assigning costs for server-based computer</u>
<u>services based on location within said matrix;</u>
     <u>ascertaining at least one service support level for said</u>
<u>computer services;</u>
     <u>mapping each of said at least one service support level into</u>
<u>said matrix;</u>
     <u>assigning costs for each of said at least one support level</u>
<u>in said matrix; and</u>
     further comprising the steps, for a specific request for
server-based computer services, of:
     determining the required usage type, required capacity, and
required support level for satisfying said request; and

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automatically determining charges for requested server-based computer services by aggregating the assigned costs for services from said matrix based on said required usage type, required capacity, and required support level.

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) ~~The system of Claim 19~~ A system for providing automatic valuation of server-based computer services for each of a plurality of computer server systems comprising:

assignment component for assigning a capacity value for each of a plurality of computer server systems;

a usage assignment component for assigning a usage category for each of said plurality of server systems;

processor component for mapping said capacity value and usage category into a matrix; and

cost processing component for automatically assigning costs for server-based computer services based on location within said matrix; and

a request handling component for determining the required usage type and required capacity for satisfying a received request for server-based computer services, and wherein said cost processing component automatically determines charges for requested server-based computer services by aggregating the

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automatically assigning costs for server-based computer services based on location within said matrix;

ascertaining at least one service support level for said computer services;

mapping each of said at least one service support level into said matrix;

assigning costs for each of said at least one support level in said matrix; and

wherein said method further comprises the steps, for a specific request for server-based computer services, of:

determining the required usage type and required capacity for satisfying said request; and

automatically determining charges for requested server-based computer services by aggregating the assigned costs for services from said matrix based on said required usage type ~~and~~ required capacity and requested support level.

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assigned costs for services from said matrix based on said
required usage type and required capacity;

wherein said request handling component additionally
determines requested support level and wherein said cost
processing component automatically determines charges for
requested server-based computer services by aggregating the
assigned costs for services from said matrix based on said
required usage type, required capacity, and requested support
level.

21. (currently amended) ~~The program storage device of Claim 16~~
A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying
a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform
method steps for a computer processor to provide automatic
valuation of server-based computer services for each of a
plurality of computer server systems said method steps
comprising:

assigning a capacity value for each of a plurality of
computer server systems;

assigning a usage category for each of said plurality of
server systems;

mapping said capacity value and usage category into a
matrix; and

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